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SUBJECT: US-SAUDI JOINT COMMISSION: SAUDI PORT DEVELOPMENT

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1. AS NOTED IN AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH PRINCE FAHD REPORTED IN REFTEL, IF HOUSING AND OTHER SAUDI DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEDULES ARE TO AVOID LENGTHY DELAY, CLEARING BOTTLE-NECK CREATED BY SAUDI PORT CONGESTION WOULD SEEM ESSENTIAL. WHILE NEW PORT CONSTRUCTION IS REQUIRED TO MEET LONGER TERM NEEDS, THERE APPEARS TO BE URGENT REQUIREMENT NOW TO UNBLOCK PORTS AND RADICALLY IMPROVE MANAGEMENT OF

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EXISTING FACILITIES. OBVIOUSLY, LATTER EFFORTS WOULD HAVE

TO DOVETAIL WITH LONG TERM PORT DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

2. A REPORT PREPARED LAST SUMMER BY ARMOUR ARMSTRONG OF COMMERCE'S MARITIME ADMINISTRATION CONTAINED A DETAILED LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF SAUDI PORT MANAGEMENT. SUGGEST EMBASSY APPROACH SAUDIS TO DETERMINE WHAT, IF ANY, REACTION THEY HAVE FORMULATED TO THAT REPORT. IF REQUIRED BY SAG WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO PUT TOGETHER A SHORT TERM PORT MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE WHOSE MISSION, DEPENDING ON SAUDI WISHES AND THEIR REACTION TO THE ARMSTRONG REPORT COULD BE TO: (A) EXAMINE PRESENT SITUATION AND UPDATE

ARMSTRONG REPORT AS NECESSARY, AND (B) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION TO ALLEVIATE CURRENT PROBLEMS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE USE OF US RESOURCES. IF SAUDIS ARE PREPARED TO MOVE DIRECTLY INTO IMPLEMENTING ACTIVITY, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO ASSIST IN CONTRACTING FOR SPECIALIST PERSONNEL FOR LONGER ASSIGNMENT.

3. IF SAG REQUEST WERE MADE THROUGH JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION, PROJECT EXPENSES COULD BE REIMBURSED THROUGH TCA TRUST FUND.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD DISCUSS THIS PROPOSAL WITH SAUDIS AND REPORT THEIR REACTION. KISSINGER

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